



City of NORFOLK

C: Dir., Department of Planning and Community Development

To the Honorable Council
City of Norfolk, Virginia

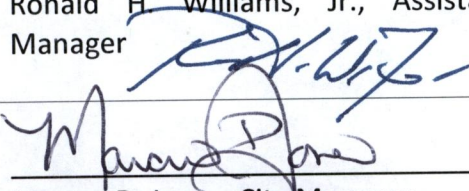
April 8, 2014

From: George M. Homewood, AICP CFM, Planning Director

Subject: **Updating Penalty Fees for Vacant Building Registry**

Reviewed: Ronald H. Williams, Jr., Assistant City
Manager

Ward/Superward: Citywide

Approved: 

Marcus D. Jones, City Manager

Item Number: **R-11**

I. **Staff Recommendation:** Approval.

II. **Request:** To modify Section 11-1.16 of the City Code pertaining to penalty fees for registration of vacant buildings.

III. **Applicant:** Office of the City Attorney

IV. **Description**

- In 2013 the General Assembly amended the State Code of Virginia to allow increased penalties for failure of property owners to register buildings that have been vacant for twelve months or more.
 - The annual registration fee was increased from \$25.00 to \$100.00.
 - The civil penalty for failure to register such property was increased from a \$50.00 to \$200.00.
 - If the property is located in a conservation or rehabilitation district or in a designated blighted area, the civil penalty was increased from \$250.00 to \$400.00.
- The proposed amendment would bring the Norfolk City Code into compliance with the Virginia State Code.

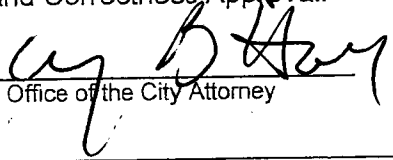
V. Staff point of contact is Cynthia Hall, cynthia.hall@norfolk.gov

Attachments:

- Ordinance

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Form and Correctness Approval:

Contents Approved:

By 
Office of the City Attorney

By 
DEPT. PLANNING

NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

ORDINANCE No.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN SECTION 11.1-16 OF THE NORFOLK CITY CODE, 1979, SO AS TO SO AS TO CONFORM WITH THE STATE CODE.

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BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Norfolk:

Section 1:- That Section 11.1-16 of the Norfolk City Code, 1979, is hereby amended and reordained so as to conform with changes to the state code to read as follows:

Sec. 11.1-16. Vacant building registration;
penalty.

It shall be unlawful for any owner or owners of buildings or structures which have been vacant for a continuous period of twelve months or more to fail to register on an annual basis the vacant buildings or structures with bureau of property maintenance. Such registration shall be on a form prescribed by the Bureau of Property Maintenance. The annual fee for such registration shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Failure to register shall result in a two hundred dollar (\$200.00) civil penalty or in a four hundred dollar (\$400.00) civil penalty if the property is located in a conservation or rehabilitation district or in a designated blighted area. Upon reoccupancy, the owner shall notify the bureau of property maintenance.

Section 2:- That this ordinance shall be in effect from and after its date of adoption.